

Amendments to the Claims:**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An excavating lip assembly including a lip, said lip having a surface,

a wear member placed over said lip surface, said wear member having an inner surface, said inner surface having a bolt securing indentation therein formed by a half circle element extending from the shroud inner surface,

a holding element in the lip surface, said holding element having an ~~opening~~ two spaced-apart openings there through,

a U-bolt connecting bolt ~~having an end~~ received and held in said indentation, said connecting bolt ~~also being~~ having two ends, each of which is received in one of said holding element ~~opening openings,~~ and

a nut removably received on an end of said bolt to retain said bolt in said holding element opening.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) An excavating lip assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said half circle element is cast in the wear element ~~upper~~ inner surface.

4. (original) An excavating lip assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the holding element is a rectangular bar welded to the lip.

5. (original) An excavating lip assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the wear member is notched and forms a top flange and a bottom flange, and the wear member inner surface is in said top flange.

6. (original) An excavating lip assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein the top flange has a cutout therein.

7. (currently amended) An excavating lip assembly including a lip, said lip having an upper surface,

a wear member placed over said lip upper surface, said wear member having an inner upper surface, said inner upper surface having a bolt securing indentation therein formed by a half circle element extending from the shroud inner surface,

a holding element in the lip upper surface, said holding element having ~~an opening~~ two spaced-apart openings there through,

a U-bolt connecting bolt ~~having an end~~ received and held in said indentation, said connecting bolt ~~also being~~ having two ends, each of which is received in one of said holding element ~~opening openings,~~ and

a nut removably received on an end of said bolt to retain said bolt in said holding element opening.

8. (new) An excavating lip assembly in accordance with Claim 7 wherein each of said holding element openings is formed by an indentation in said holding element.

9. (new) An excavating lip assembly in accordance with Claim 7 wherein each of said holding element openings is formed by an indentation in said holding element.